

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 604

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mark Sletto upon his induction into the REdl Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mark Sletto, who will be inducted into the REdl Hall of Fame as a member of its inaugural class in a special ceremony to be held at the Paradise Ranch and Event Center in Springfield on May 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the REdl Hall of Fame, an initiative of the REdl Education Foundation, celebrates the accomplishments of those who have graduated from Robertson County public schools and impacted the world far beyond the reaches of their hometown, thus showing current students that there is no limit to what they can achieve; and

WHEREAS, the REdl Education Foundation strives to have a positive impact on the educational culture in Robertson County by giving exceptional support to local schools and providing investments of time and money; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Springfield High School Class of 1987, Mr. Sletto accepted a position as a United States Secret Service Special Agent in 2000; as a member of the Nashville Field Office, he worked criminal investigations involving bank fraud, identity theft, credit card fraud, counterfeit currency, and protective intelligence; he was also a member of the Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program and received training as a computer forensics examiner; and

WHEREAS, Mark Sletto provided protective support domestically and internationally for former Presidents Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush; former Vice Presidents Al Gore, Jr., and Dick Cheney; and visiting heads of state; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, he was reassigned to the protection detail for former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush in Houston, Texas, and Kennebunkport, Maine, during which time he worked as a shift agent, limo/follow-up driver, advance agent, operations/logistics agent, shift leader, and acting detail leader; he was also trained as a Secret Service Rescue Swimmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sletto was reassigned to the Houston Field Office in 2012 and resumed his work on criminal investigations and computer forensic examinations while continuing to provide protective support to former presidents, then-President Barack Obama, and then-Vice President Joe Biden; during the 2016 presidential campaign, he was assigned to Dr. Ben Carson's protection detail; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mark Sletto for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mark Sletto upon his induction into the REdl Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.